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The Bishop of San Justo confirmed the abduction of a number of persons - he and his assistants say the correct number is 11 (eleven) as they were leaving his cathedral after the evening (19.00 Mass) on Easter Sunday, 26 March. He says that the Mass, the intention of which was to pray for Mrs. Cirila Benítez, was organised by a group of persons of leftist ideology. It appeared to be a well planned act with the character of a 'demonstration' which perhaps would have been carried over into the public square afterwards had not "the authorities" intervened. Leaflets, for example, were distributed by the organisers.

The Bishop had no knowledge of further kidnappings having taken place in his diocese, subsequent to those of 26 March. All efforts made to trace the eleven persons abducted have proven fruitless.

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P.S. He thinks Dr. Petrouch is a Jew.

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